2000-2001 are given in the Annexure. *[See* Appendix 193, Annexure No. 5].

(b) Yes, Sir. The details of central assistance released to 20 municipalities in Gujarat during 2000-2001 is given in Annexure. *[See* Appendix 193, Annexure No. 5]

VRS in Shipping Corporation of India

*17. SHRI K. M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shipping Corporation of India has introduced VRS for its employees;

(b) if so, the number of employees applied for the Scheme, so far; and

(c) the number of employees allowed to take VRS?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN. JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

((b) So far six employees have applied under the scheme.

(c) The scheme is open until end of August, 2001. All applications received will be processed only after the expiry of the last date for receipt of VRS applications.

Government Hospitals in Meghalaya

*18. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government hospitals functioning at present in the State of Meghalaya for the treatment of a large number of patients;

(b) whether it is a fact that the existing Government hospitals in the State are not sufficient for the treatment of common people being suffered by various diseases;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to open more hospitals in the State of Meghalaya; and

(d) the details fo funds granted for the purpose during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) The Government of Meghalaya has informed that at present there are six hospitals in the State.

(b) and (c) The Government of Meghalaya has informed that existing hospitals are not sufficient.

"Health" being a State subject under the Constitution of India, it is the responsibility of the State Government to provide requisite medical facilities by setting up of hospitals in their respective States.

(d) The Government of Meghalaya has made the provisions during 2000-02, as per the statement, *(see* below)

Besides, this Ministry has provided financial assistance of Rs. 116.20 lakhs to the State of Meghalaya for Hospital Waste Management units hospitals under the Scheme *viz.* "Assistance for Capacity Building" during the year 2000-01 and 2001-2002.

Statement

Details of funds granted for opening hospitals in Meghalaya

s.	No.	Name of Hospital	Non Plan	Plan
1.		Civil Hospital Shillong	4,63,10,000	52,70,000
2.		Ganesh Das Hospital, Shillong	4,71,14,000	96,00,000
3.		R.P. Chest Hospital Shillong	3,07,25,000	30,00,000
4.		Jowai Civil Hospital	1,01,14,000	55,50,000
5.		Tura Civil Hospital	1,59,38,000	51,50,000
6.		MIMHANS	52,83,000	1,03,50,000